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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

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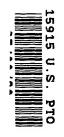
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## Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Sixteen (16) pages☑ Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings☑ Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-219992 filed in JAPAN on July 29, 2002.

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- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
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  - b. --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

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